



Special Education Advisory Committee

January 6, 2021 SEAC Meeting PTA/PTO Talking Points

Livestream Recording: <https://vimeo.com/497629142> (Presentation and Business Meeting)

Materials Link: https://loudounseac.miraheze.org/wiki/January_6,_2021

Presentation: School Anxiety

Presented By: Dr. Jonathan Dalton, Director, The Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Change

Next SEAC Meeting February 3, 2021

Presentation begins at 6:00 p.m.

Hidden Disabilities and Executive Functioning

Presented By: Dr. Madhu Boland, MindWell Psychology

Business Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.

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Reports and Updates.

Chair, Sharon Tropf

Link to Chair Report: https://loudounseac.miraheze.org/wiki/File:2021-01-06_SEAC_Chair_Presentation_Final.pdf

- Annual Report- Presented to the School Board on December 15, 2020.
- SEAC Bylaws: A thorough review has begun; a first pass was completed by the SEAC Executive Committee and a redlined copy has been presented to the membership for review and comments. Members are encouraged to review and recommend any changes prior to next Executive Committee meeting on January 18, 2021.
- PTA/PTO Representatives - The training video has been sent to all representatives and members; feedback is being solicited to ensure the training video is comprehensive.
- Equity Committee: SEAC Representative is Craig Metz, Vice Chair of Communications.

Current Issues.

- Community Independence Instruction (CII) five-mile radius limitation. Ms. Beth Robinson, Assistant Director, Special Education Specialized Instruction presented to the school board

SSS Committee on December 16, 2020 a presentation on the 5-mile radius CII travel restrictions. SEAC reviewed the presentation and would like to clarify that SEAC has not made a recommendation for the five-mile radius limitation, SEAC has been advocating since 2014 for consistent transportation to support community-based instruction. Since the 5-mile radius restrictions have been put in place during the 2015-2016 school year, SEAC has advocated for more options and to lift the travel radius restriction. Link to SSS Committee presentation: https://loudounseac.miraheze.org/wiki/File:2020-12-16_Transportation_Services_for_Community_Independence_Instruction.pdf

- School Board operating budget sessions will begin January 7, 2021. School board operating budget work sessions are scheduled for January 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and January 14, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. SEAC will follow the sessions to review how the proposed budget will impact special education students.
- Past-Chair Dr. Carol Williams-Nickelson has submitted her resignation, SEAC wants to thank Dr. Williams-Nickelson for her service and dedication to the special education community.
- Special Education Task Force – Formed to address issues that are facing our special education community. The task force has met 4 times with significant support from the office of special education. The task for is focusing on the accessibility of current distance learning and services for students who are unable to access distance learning due the lack of a continuum of services. Formal report is in progress.

B. Executive Committee.

- Next meeting January 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public.

C. Subcommittees Formation.

- Three functioning committees.
- Policy and Compliance Subcommittee will be meeting January 13, 21 and 27th at 6:30 p.m.
 - Review LCPS IEE procedures
 - Review Proposed Budget
 - Review Set-Aside Funds
- Specialized Programs and Services
 - Specialized Reading Assessments
 - Transition Services
- Executive Functioning and Social-Emotional Learning

D. Parent Resource Services.

- Trainings this school year are a mix of livestream and pre-recorded. These workshops include Transition Services Workshop, Mental Health Series, Assistive Technology, Specialized Reading.
- **Kindergarten Connection:** Moving on from Early Childhood Special Education with an IEP, Thursday, January 14 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- **Mental Health and Wellness Conference,** Virtual Conference, Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **MANDT Virtual Webinar Series:**
 - Session 1: Thursday, January 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

- Session 2: Thursday, February 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Subscribe to their Newsletter on their webpage – Keep in Touch
<https://www.lcps.org/ParentResourceServices>

E. School Board Liaison Alternate.

Leslee King

- Dr. Scott Ziegler was appointed as interim Superintendent
- The School Board met for its annual organizational meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021. Ms. Sheridan and Ms. Reaser were re-elected unanimously as Board Chair and Vice Chair.
- Equity Committee restructuring was approved for 2021.
- At the January 12 School Board meeting the board will consider motions relating to the return to in-person learning.
- Dr. Mark Smith was appointed as interim Chief of Staff
- Dr. Lucia Sebastian was appointed as interim Assistant Superintendent for HRTD

F. Department of Pupil Services and the Office of Special Education.

Dr. Asia Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services.

Dr. Nelson, Director of Special Education.

- VDOE Indicator 8 Survey: Families who have more than one child receiving special education services are requested to complete a survey for each of their children. **It is important to note that your responses are recorded anonymously and cannot be personally linked to your child. The survey concludes January 31, 2021.**

English Version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vdoeenglish>

Spanish Version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vdoeespanol>

- Currently reviewing the VDOE IEP System.